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Sir:

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In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant submits copies of the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

The listed documents were recently cited in a corresponding PCT application, and a copy of the International Search Report is being submitted herewith for purposes of convenience.

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